GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3468
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2005
DENIAL OF PERMISSION TO PAK INFORMATION MINISTER
Jogi Shri Ajit;Singh Shri Mohan

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pakistan Information Minister had applied for permission to travel on the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus-service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said permission was denied by the Government; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) to (d) Pakistan Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed had applied for a travel permit for travelling by the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus service to Jammu & Kashmir, as per procedures agreed upon by India and Pakistan. Government had processed the application and declined to accord permission taking into account all relevant aspects involved.